



## Appropriations Requests Guide Fiscal Year 2023

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*Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández strives to ensure that the federal government invests in the programs and policies that create opportunities for New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District and our nation. She welcomes constituents and other stakeholders to submit appropriations requests in the following categories:*

## **PROGRAMMATIC AND LANGUAGE REQUESTS:**

1. Programmatic request: a request to fund a specific program in the appropriations bill at a specified level.
  - a. Example: Provide \$1,000,000,000 for the USDA ReConnect program.
2. Language request: a request to include specific bill or report language that does not direct funding to a particular entity but encourages, urges, or directs some type of action by an agency.
  - a. Example: The Committee encourages USDA to study the impact of expanded broadband on rural communities' economic prosperity.

**To submit a programmatic or language request, please complete this [FORM](#) by April 8, 2022.**

## **COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING:**

3. Community Project Funding (CPF) request: a funding request for a specific governmental entity or non-profit organization to carry out a specific community project. For-profit entities are not eligible for funding.
  - a. Example: Provide \$500,000 for a specific entity in City, State.

CPF requests may only be made for the accounts listed in this guide and must meet the specified eligibility and/or matching requirements. **This is a highly competitive process as our office can only select 15 requests for submission to the Appropriations Committee.** The Committee will ultimately decide which projects move forward.

**The deadline to submit CPF requests to our office is April 13, 2022.** Please note that this limited timeline is due to external deadlines that our office does not control.

**Please submit your requests using these forms:**

- [Ag., Rural Devel., Food & Drug Admin](#)
- [Commerce, Justice and Science](#)
- [Defense](#)
- [Energy and Water Development](#)
- [Financial Services and General Government](#)
- [Homeland Security](#)
- [Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#)
- [Health & Human Services](#)

- [Labor and Education](#)
- [Military Construction & Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development](#)

You may send any supplemental materials or questions to [NM03Requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:NM03Requests@mail.house.gov).

### **General CPF Guidelines:**

For FY23, CPF is available to only governmental or non-profit organizations as described under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The range of sizes for CPF awards has historically been between a few thousand dollars and several million.

**Below you'll find a *brief* summary of each account from which funding may be requested. Our office highly recommends reviewing the requirements for each account on the related agency's website or with an agency office. Some accounts have strict eligibility and matching requirements that cannot be waived.** Note: This does not mean that matching funds must be in-hand prior to requesting a project, but that local officials must have a plan to meet such requirements in order for such a project to be viable.

Requests must be for FY23 and cannot include multi-year funding. However, the period of availability to spend the funds may last longer than one year depending on the account from which it comes.

Members must demonstrate that there is significant community support for the proposed projects. This demonstration is critical to increasing the likelihood that the Appropriations Committee will choose to fund a project. Support may be evidenced by, but not limited to:

- Letters of support from elected officials or other local and state entities;
- Press articles or newspaper editorials highlighting the need for the requested CPF;
- Listing on state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents;
- Resolutions passed by city councils or boards.

All submissions must include a project description, budget describing how funding will be used, and an explanation of why the project is a good use of taxpayer funds, among other details specific to each account.

All requests selected for submission to the Appropriations Committee will be posted publicly on the Committee website. Additional information from the Appropriations Committee can be found [here](#).

After receiving requests from every Member of Congress, the Appropriations Committee will determine which projects receive funding by the full House of Representatives. Funding will only be realized if approved by both the House and Senate and signed into law by the President.

## **Eligible CPF Accounts:**

*Please note that these descriptions are simply summaries. It is important that interested applicants review additional information about each account on the relevant agency's website or by contacting the agency office.*

### **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

1. **USDA Community Facilities Grants:** Funds may be used to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities; to purchase equipment; and pay other related project expenses. Grants generally cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space. Examples of eligible community facilities include medical or dental clinics, towns halls, courthouses, child care centers, police or fire departments, museums or libraries, telemedicine or distance learning equipment, and food banks.

These projects must serve a rural area, which is defined as rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data.

This account has strict matching requirements that vary based on the population size as documented in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). This account also has a Credit Elsewhere Test meaning the applicant must certify they cannot finance the project from their own resources and credit is not otherwise available on reasonable terms from non-Federal sources.

For FY22, the average CPF funding level was just over \$1 million. Please note that the Committee will consider higher project requests for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Public bodies, community-based non-profit organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes in qualified rural areas
  - b. Learn more about the program [HERE](#)
2. **USDA ReConnect Program:** Funds may be used for construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access. Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

These projects must serve an area that is rural and lacks sufficient access to broadband service. For the purposes of this account, a rural area is any area which is not located

within: (1) A city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants; or (2) an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants.

Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

All policies and procedures apply, including environmental and related reviews and the cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost. Policies and procedures can be found [HERE](#). For FY22, the average ReConnect CPF award was nearly \$2 million. Please note the subcommittee will consider higher project requests for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments and qualified non-profit organizations
- b. Learn more about the program [HERE](#)

3. **USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants:** Funds may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programming. The program is intended to serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less. All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found at 7 CFR Part 1734. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source.

Competitive awards typically range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 and the Committee will consider projects in this range. In FY22, the average Senate CPF in this account was \$359,000.

- a. **Best for:** Research universities, public or university libraries, non-profit organizations

4. **USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Buildings and Facilities:** Funds may be used for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS work. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities. ARS owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States.

- a. **Best for:** Scientific researchers; local research universities, non-profit organizations

5. **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations:** Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters. Urban agriculture program projects are not eligible.

In FY22, the average Senate CPF in this account was \$1.1 million.

- a. **Best for:** Private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources

## Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

6. **Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Scientific and Technical Research and Service:** Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry. This account does not fund vehicles or building construction or renovation.

The median award in this account for FY22 was \$1,250,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Research universities, non-profit organizations

7. **NIST Construction of Research Facilities—Extramural Construction:** This account funds the construction and renovation of research facilities, provided that such facilities will be used in a manner that is aligned with and supportive of the mission of NIST.

The median award in this account was \$10 million in FY22, but this account was not open to community project funding in the House in FY22. Note the Committee may consider lower project amounts for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Research universities

8. **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities:** Funds may be used for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. This account does not fund construction projects. Any such project must be aligned with NOAA's [mission](#) and within their existing authorities. The subcommittee will not entertain requests for community project funding for the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations or Coastal Zone Management funds. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

The median award in this account for FY22 was \$750,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Research institutions and state and local governments

9. **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG):** Funds may be used for criminal justice purposes to support law enforcement; prosecution and court; prevention and education;

corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; crime victim and witness initiatives; and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs such as behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. Projects must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program. Here are the links to the [Department's guidance](#) and [frequently asked questions](#).

The Committee encourages community project funding designed to help improve police-community relations. Historically, the Committee has not funded building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. The median award in this account for FY22 was \$500,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments; local law enforcement agencies

10. **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) - Technology & Equipment:** Funds may be used for COPS Technology and Equipment (COPS Tech) community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES). This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance any of a variety of technical equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of community policing efforts within their jurisdictions. These projects should help improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. Recipients of community project funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies.

The median award in this account for FY22 was \$520,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies

11. **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Safety, Security, and Mission Services:** Funds may be used for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as STEM education activities and scientific research. Examples of such projects include nanomaterials research, antennae for unmanned aerial vehicles, and minority science initiatives. Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding.

The median award in this account for FY22 was \$900,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Local nonprofit colleges and universities; K-12 local education agencies; research institutions; local STEM education and workforce training programs

## Defense

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Defense appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

12. **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army:** Funds may be used to enhance the Army's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, testing, and evaluation funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others.
  - a. **Best for:** Local research universities
13. **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy:** Funds may be used to enhance the Navy's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, testing, and evaluation funded by DOD and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others.
  - a. **Best for:** Local research universities
14. **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force:** Funds may be used to enhance the Air Force's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, testing, and evaluation funded by DOD and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others.
  - a. **Best for:** Local research universities
15. **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force:** Funds may be used to enhance the Space Force's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by DOD and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others.
  - a. **Best for:** Local research universities
16. **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide:** CPF from this account may be used to enhance DOD's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others.
  - a. **Best for:** Local research universities

## Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

17. **U.S. Army Corp of Engineers:** Only authorized projects will be considered for funding in the following accounts. All requests for the Corps of Engineers (Corps) accounts listed

below should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY23. This is referred to as the project's "capability" for FY23. All projects will be sent to the relevant agency for technical assistance, including regarding project capability. Please note that for the Corps, the Subcommittee may provide funding for a very limited number of new start projects, if any, in the Investigations, Construction, and Mississippi River and Tributaries accounts. Also, please note that for the Corps, the Subcommittee may provide funding for a limited number of Environmental Infrastructure (EI) projects and Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) projects, if any, in the Construction account. While requests for new starts and specific projects will be accepted, please consider these limitations when making requests.

- a. Investigations
  - b. Construction
  - c. Mississippi River and Tributaries
  - d. Operation and Maintenance
  - e. A list of authorized projects can be found [HERE](#)
  - f. **Best for:** Facilitator of authorized projects and their partners
18. **Bureau of Reclamation - Water and Related Resources:** Only previously authorized projects will be considered for funding. Please note that for Reclamation, projects authorized under sections 4007, 4009(a), and 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–322) will not be accepted. A list of authorized projects can be found [HERE](#).
- a. **Best for:** Facilitators of authorized projects and their partners
19. **Department of Energy:** Funds must be used for a project in the following topic area:
- a. energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
  - b. cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response
  - c. electricity, energy storage
  - d. nuclear energy
  - e. fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals

Requests should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. In FY10, the last year these DOE CPFs were included in the House, House projects selected for funding received \$740,000 on average, and the range of funding was approximately \$75,000 to \$3 million.

Funds may not be used to support building construction (no brick and mortar). Electric vehicle (EV) charging station projects will not be considered unless there is a renewable energy or energy storage connection to the charging station.

Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project: research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share; research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share; demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share.

- a. **Best for:** Tribal, state, and local government entities, institutions of higher education, non-profit research institutions, non-profit organizations

## Financial Services and General Government

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Financial Services and General Government appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

20. **General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund - New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts:** Projects are limited to line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in either the FY22 or FY23 budget request. The awards in FY22 ranged from \$500,000 to \$50 million.
  - a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal government entities
21. **National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission:** Projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation’s archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records. Generally, projects should comply with the eligibility requirements for existing National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants programs as specified [HERE](#). The average award in FY22 was just under \$500,000.
  - a. **Best for:** Libraries, historical societies, universities, museums
22. **Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives:** Funds may be used to support small businesses, including for entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. The average award in this account for FY22 was \$650,000.
  - a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments; local nonprofit organizations

## Homeland Security

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Homeland Security appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

23. **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants:** Funds may be used for planning or projects to lessen the impacts of future disasters. Examples of eligible projects include stormwater projects or buying out properties in flood-prone areas. Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable.

For any projects designated for funding in the final FY23 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor’s state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management

Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. **All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.**

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments

24. **Emergency Operations Center Grants:** Funds may be used to improve emergency preparedness by supporting secure, strategically located emergency operations centers. Examples of eligible projects include construction and renovation of such centers. Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding.

For any projects designated for funding in the final FY23 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. **All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.**

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments

## **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

25. **National Park Service - Save America's Treasures historic preservation projects:**

**The Save America's Treasures grant program is for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant collections and historic properties. The existing competitive grant program funds two categories of projects: awards managed by the National Park Service (NPS) for preservation projects at properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or designated a National Historic Landmark; and awards managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for projects involving nationally significant collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art).**

All grant recipients must comply with relevant requirements for recipients of Federal financial assistance and program-specific requirements found on [NPS's SAT website](#). SAT grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching share. Consistent with prior years, Members are encouraged to consider a project funding threshold of up to \$500,000 when making requests in this account.

The property must be on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible to receive funding. Grants are not available for work on sites or collections owned by the NPS. Other federal agencies working with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic properties or collections owned by the federal agency may submit applications through

the partner. If the project has received previous appropriations, it is not eligible. If the historic structure has been moved, it is probably not eligible for funding.

Demolition of an historic building or significant changes to it are not eligible projects under the SAT grant program. The sponsors of this project must agree to a preservation easement or covenant. The National Park Service not only pays for the work to fix the roof, but also ensures that if the property is sold later, then the covenant or easement will bind the new owner to maintain and preserve the historic building that gets the SAT grant.

- a. **Best For:** Non-profit entities preserving property on the National Register of Historic Places

**26. Department of the Interior - Land Acquisition Through the Land and Water**

**Conservation Fund:** Funds may be used for the federal acquisition of land and water for the purpose of land and habitat conservation and outdoor recreation. Land acquisition projects should be requested through the agency that would manage the land being acquired. The four land management agencies are: (1) the Bureau of Land Management, (2) the Fish and Wildlife Service, (3) the National Park Service, and (4) the Forest Service. The Great American Outdoors Act of (Public Law 116-152) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) mandates that the president submit, along with the upcoming fiscal year's budget request, proposed and supplemental project lists. Projects that appear on the proposed lists are considered programmatic requests and should not be requested for Community Project Funding. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that appear on the supplemental list.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments and park districts; non-profit organizations with ownership of land to be conserved

**27. Environmental Protection Agency - State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG):**

Funds may be used to fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Similar to past practice, the Committee will limit STAG infrastructure grants only to projects that are publicly owned or owned by a non-profit entity, and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from that state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs. Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program.

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. Ability to fund the 20% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant. Please note that assistance provided by a SRF counts towards the project's matching requirement. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan. In FY22, the majority of EPA STAG infrastructure projects funded in the House bill ranged from \$60,000 - \$3,500,000.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments; owners of nonprofit sewer and drinking water infrastructure
28. **U.S. Forest Service - State and Private Forestry:** Funds may be used to improve the management, protection, and utilization of America’s forests, including urban and community forestry, forest disease or pest treatment, and specific State fire assistance. Please carefully review the information the Forest Service provides on its website regarding what activities are permitted under the various S&PF programs and consult with your State Forester office if needed to confirm that all of a project’s activities are eligible for S&PF funding. Projects that are listed on any federal or state ordinal list, or are clearly demonstrated to meet the goals of New Mexico’s State Forest Action Plan will be prioritized by the Committee.

Note, State and Private Forestry projects are required to meet the 1:1 matching requirement mandated by the Forest Service. In FY22, most State and Private Forestry projects in the House bill ranged from \$50,000 - \$750,000.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments; state and local parks services; nonprofit organizations with ownership of private forestland

## **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

Please use [this form](#) (HHS) or [this form](#) (Labor and Education) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

29. **Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities Construction and Equipment:** Funds may be used for construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. In addition to construction and renovation, grants can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, and telehealth and information technology equipment. Funds may not be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating or ongoing costs. They cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. Grants can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies. House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 (or up to \$4,000,000 for projects jointly submitted by multiple Members) in FY22.
- a. **Best for:** Local nonprofit hospitals; public health departments; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories
30. **Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support:** Funds may be used for (1) programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services; (2) programs that

improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services; and (3) programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug use, alcohol use, and underage alcohol and tobacco use. A listing of SAMHSA NOFO's can be found [HERE](#). Funds cannot be used for inpatient treatment or hospital-based detoxification services; direct payments to individuals for treatment; meals; research projects; or construction. House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY22.

- a. **Best for:** Community health centers; public health departments; nonprofit mental and behavioral health service providers and treatment centers (inpatient and outpatient); local and Tribal governments; nonprofit organizations providing mental and behavioral health services and/or outreach to youth, homeless, or other high-risk populations; and local public colleges and universities

**31. Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families (ACF)**

- a. **Child Abuse Prevention:** Funds may be used for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target children and families who are at risk or who have experienced child abuse and neglect.
- b. **Social Services Research and Demonstration:** Funds may be used for projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency to prevent and reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.
- c. The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 for FY23.
- d. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments, non-profit organizations, universities

**32. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Community Living (ACL) -** Funds may be used for projects to improve or create new opportunities for older adults, individuals of all ages with disabilities, and their eligible family caregivers, to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, health services, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and eligible family caregivers. Funds cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities. The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Community retirement centers, community health centers, local non-profits serving older adults or individuals with disabilities.

**33. Department of Labor—Training and Employment Services (WIOA Programs):**

Funds may be used for programs that provide direct training and employment services to individuals and that meet [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#)

requirements. Projects requesting funding must 1) include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities; 2) demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system; and 3) include an evaluation component. Funds cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities. Examples of eligible projects include workforce training programs, adult education and literacy programs, and youth workforce readiness programs. House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY22.

- a. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments; local community colleges; state and local workforce development agencies; nonprofit job training centers; and education providers

**34. Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement (K-12):** Funds may be used for instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education community project funding should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services. Special education services, early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services are also eligible. Funds may not be used for construction or renovation, with the exception of minor remodeling as part of tech upgrades. Daycare and child care projects are not eligible. House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY22.

- a. **Best for:** State and local education agencies (including local school districts); local non-profit colleges and universities; and other local education nonprofit organizations

**35. Department of Education—Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE):** Funds should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Examples of eligible projects include hiring and training faculty, establishing and improving degree programs, improving teacher preparation programs, developing and improving curricula, upgrading technology and telecommunications, acquiring science laboratory equipment, providing student support, implementing university partnerships with school districts, and establishing research and training centers. Funds may not be used for construction or renovation, with the exception of minor remodeling as part of tech upgrades. House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY22.

- a. **Best for:** Local non-profit colleges and universities; non-profit organizations

## **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations measure.

**Department of Defense Accounts:** Eligible lists of CPFs are those that are submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee. Projects that only appear on a list provided by a base commander will not be accepted. Eligible lists include (a) Future Year

Defense Program (FYDP) (updated document listing projects eligible for FY23 will be obtainable after the FY23 full budget rollout, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) [website](#), (b) Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs), and (c) Cost-to-completes (CTCs) (CTCs are projects that have previously received an appropriation but require additional funding for completion). These lists represent the requirements identified by each Service for the additional funding necessary to complete a project).

Each project requested must be shovel ready in FY23 with 35 percent design complete and must be positioned to have contracts awarded in FY23. The average award for Military Construction projects in FY 2022 was \$18 million.

Eligible DOD accounts include:

36. **Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction—Active Components:** CPF from this account may be used for both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for active components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. Eligible projects include construction, installation, equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, and facilities for the following accounts: (1) Army; (2) Navy and Marine Corps; (3) Air Force; (4) Space Force; and (5) Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.). Only projects that have been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee through the Future Year Defense Program (FYDP), Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs), or cost-to-complete lists (CTCs) will be considered eligible for funding. Such lists are not finalized for the current fiscal year, but the FY20 FYDP can be found [here](#).
  - a. **Best for:** Facilitators of Active Components (Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, and Defense-Wide Agencies) projects that have been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee through the Future Year Defense Program (FYDP), Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs), or cost-to-complete lists (CTCs)
  
37. **Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction—Reserve Components:** Funds may be used for construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match. Eligible projects include construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for training and administration for the following accounts: (1) Army National Guard; (2) Air National Guard; (3) Army Reserve; (4) Navy Reserve; and (5) Air Force Reserve.
  - a. **Best for:** Facilitators of Reserve Components (Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air Force Reserve) projects that have been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee through the Future Year Defense Program (FYDP), Unfunded

Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs), or cost-to-complete lists (CTCs)

38. **Planning and Design:** Funds may be used for specific projects when they are not yet at 35 percent design and therefore ineligible for construction funding. Specifically, to improve facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the following accounts: (1) Army; (2) Navy and Marine Corps; (3) Air Force; (4) Space Force; (5) Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.); (6) Army National Guard; (7) Air National Guard; (8) Army Reserve; (9) Navy Reserve; and (10) Air Force Reserve.
- a. **Best for:** Facilitators of Active or Reserve Components projects that have been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee through the Future Year Defense Program (FYDP), Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs), or cost-to-complete lists (CTCs)

Eligible Department of Veterans Affairs include:

39. **VA Minor Construction projects:** Funds may be used for capital projects with costs equal to or less than \$20,000,000, particularly projects that construct new space instead of renovating existing space. Examples may include expanding existing facility square footage to provide additional healthcare capacity, construction of specialty care buildings or clinics, building of parking structures, or expanding gravesite space at cemeteries. The Committee will only consider projects that appear on VA's Integrated Department-wide Priority List for 2023 Construction Projects (2023 Construction SCIP List). This list is in the FY23 President's Budget submission. Projects must be listed as unfunded on VA's 2023 Construction SCIP List with \$0 in the 2023 Request column. Funding for a CPF project will be capped at 10 percent of the total estimated cost of the project to support planning and design that can be executed within twelve months of receiving funding. Veterans memorials, parks, museums, and other similar projects are not eligible for community project funding. Funds are also not available for direct grants to veterans organizations or for local programmatic efforts.

## **Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

Please use [this form](#) to submit CPF requests for accounts within the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations measure. Eligible accounts include:

40. **Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects:** Highway Infrastructure Projects are capital projects, like a street widening and resurfacing, eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible. Projects cannot fund

activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. All projects must be:

- a. 1) Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- b. 2) Supported by the state or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- c. 3) Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.
- d. **Best For:** State and Tribal governments, metropolitan planning organizations, local transportation agencies

41. **Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects:** Transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects, such as electric bus and charging infrastructure, eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code, and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code. All projects must be:

- a. 1) Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- b. 2) Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- c. 3) Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

Public transportation or transit is defined as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services. Projects cannot fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation.

- d. **Best for:** State, local, and Tribal governments; metropolitan planning organizations; local transportation agencies

42. **Department of Transportation - Airport Improvement Program (AIP):** Funds may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns. This may include necessary professional services like planning, surveying, and design. Projects must meet federal environmental and procurement requirements. Funds may NOT be used for airport operations such as salaries, equipment, and supplies. The average award in this account for FY22 was \$4 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$7 million for FY23

- a. Recipients will assume FAA grant assurance obligations and must meet matching requirements that vary based on the size of the airport.

- b. Examples of eligible projects include runway construction/rehabilitation, airfield lighting, and airport layout plans.
- c. **Best for:** Public-use airports included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
- d. Learn more about the program [HERE](#)

43. **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Economic Development Initiative (EDI):** Funds may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services. This is one of the most flexible accounts; funds may also include planning and other activities consistent with the underlying authorization for the Community Development Block Grant program within HUD.

Funds may not be used for the reimbursement or costs incurred prior to the obligation of funds, if such activities are not eligible under the CDBG program. Capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are not eligible for EDI community project funding.

The average award in this account for FY22 was \$1.5 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$4 million for FY23.

- a. **Best for:** Local and Tribal governments and agencies, local and Tribal housing authorities, local small business development organizations, and other nonprofit community organizations